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On Dec. 11, 2010, Andrew joined the Bowring family – James, Erin and 20 month old sister, Macie. Erin’s pregnancy had been complicated by premature labor at 20 weeks. Even though the doctors gave the family no hope for the baby’s survival, Erin went home and they hoped for the best. Erin cautiously withstood the rest of her pregnancy and they were rewarded with a healthy, “bouncing” baby boy, weighing in at nine pounds, five ounces.

After several months of age, Andrew’s grandmother noticed that he was behind in his motor skills and this was confirmed when she did a Denver developmental test. Andrew was referred to the Elks program. Treatment was started at eight months of age with Denise Wilson, Physical Therapist. Mom states, “When we were first referred to the Elks, I was alarmed at how fast Denise was able to see Andrew. It was only two weeks after he was referred that we were having our first sit down with Denise and we were able to start therapy right away.” At that time, Andrew could not sit alone. He crawled by pulling with his arms only. When held in a standing position, Andrew’s legs were rigid and his toes curled. At times, his hands were fisted. Andrew’s parents were given exercises to loosen up his muscles and to help him achieve his motor milestones.

Andrew made rapid progress and soon began sitting on his own, then crawling on his hands and knees. When he started pulling himself up into a standing position, it was apparent that his right leg was weaker than his left. Andrew was very motivated to walk, but did not have the balance or stability to walk on his own. A “reverse” walker was loaned to him at 15 months of age. He immediately took off with it. After daily practice with the walker, Andrew was able to discontinue its use and take steps on his own at 19 months of age.

Soon after this, Andrew was diagnosed as having mild Cerebral Palsy. Being the very active toddler that he is, it is barely discernible to most people. He wears braces to help position his feet and to prevent him from dragging his toes on the right side. Andrew does fall more than most children his age, but this does not stop him

Mom states “The Elks program has been phenomenal when it came to adjusting therapy to our family’s busy needs. Having the program there for us has made life so much easier and has made accepting Andrew’s diagnosis of cerebral palsy easier to handle. We really want to say thank you very much for helping our family so much. The program has positively influenced our lives and we truly want to say thank you.”

Those who are able to meet Andrew and his family are likely to agree that it is a privilege. Andrew’s sparkling eyes and huge dimples, as well as his lively personality are sure to win you over!



EXALTED RULER
Terry Baker



Here we are into July. What happens in July is the Elks Grand Lodge National convention. This year it will be held in Reno, Nevada. It runs from July 14th through the 18th. A Many breakout sessions will be filled with information. David is having me go to all of them and take notes. Have you ever seen my hand writing? I will do my best. When I get back I'll hand over my notes to David and wipe my hands of it. Just kidding. I'll help you decipher my hand writing.

The Grand Lodge is having the all Exalted Rulers vote on different measures that will change our Statutes. One proposed resolution that they want us to get input from our members before going to convention. It is to amend **Section 16.090**. Right now it reads "all homes, clubs, club rooms and social parlors shall be closed during the hours of all regular and special meetings of the lodge, except those facilities designated for the use of and then being used only by the non-member spouses and minor children of the members of the lodge, providing the use does not interfere with the proper functioning of lodge meetings. Any lodge violating this section under any pretext whatever shall be liable to a forfeiture of its charter".

If passed the Change would read as follows:

Section 16.090 "By an adopted By-Law all Homes, Clubs, Club Rooms and Social Parlors shall have the option to close or remain open during the hours of all regular and special meetings of the lodge, **except** there will be no bar service or sales of liquor during a Lodge meeting. The Lodge meeting is to be held in an area that is isolated from the rest of the lodge and activities in other areas should not interfere with the proper function of lodge meetings."

So give me your ideas.

Also at the Grand Lodge Convention we will be installing the new District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers. I am happy to announce that this year our District Deputy is coming from our Lodge. It is very prestigious to have the District Deputy come from your Lodge. Past Exalted Ruler Terry Gicking has been selected to this position. Terry was the number one District Major Project Chairman for the California Hawaii Elks Association. We have 19 Districts so that was a big feat to accomplish. Terry had all his reports turned in on time and raised more money than the other districts. Terry will need our help in making his year as District Deputy a successful one.

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LEADING KNIGHT
Dan Martyn



In May, Karen and I had the privilege of representing our Lodge at the California-Hawaii Elks Convention in Anaheim. I know that some of our brothers and sisters view our participation at such events with a certain degree of skepticism, so I thought I would give you a short "report" on a few of the high points.

The definite high point was the introduction of this year's theme child – two and one-half year old Andrew Bowring of Red Bluff, California, who was unable to even crawl, but now walks thanks to the therapy provided by the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project. Terry Baker handed in a check from our Lodge in the amount of \$12,543.77 for this project, representing a per capita contribution of over \$30. Special thanks go out to the Elk Ladies for their donation of \$1,800, and the Kampers for their donation of \$500.

At another session, the Enrique Camarena Award was presented under the Elks Drug Awareness Program. Enrique S. "Kiki" Camarena was an 11-year veteran agent of the DEA, who was kidnapped, brutally tortured and then murdered in Mexico in 1985. He was a loving husband and a father of three children. His death has inspired millions of Americans to lead a drug-free life and the Elks celebrate his commitment to this effort with the annual award. It was a special moment when Camarena's widow appeared and thanked the Elks for their contribution through our drug awareness program.

In short, these two items remind us that we are more than "The Elks Bar & Grill". Sure, we have lots of fun and enjoy each other's company, but Elks should also be proud of our good works and contributions.

There were also business sessions at which topics regarding lodge operations were discussed. There seemed to be particular emphasis on membership growth and retention, as well as the need to attract younger members. I will have more on membership in a future article.

One of the benefits of attending was to meet members from other Lodges. It is interesting to learn that all Lodges seem to face similar problems and have similar issues, regardless of the size or location of the Lodge. Many of these encounters occurred at the various hospitality suites sponsored by each district. Karen and I tended bar together for an hour and a half, and I am pleased to report that our marriage survived due to the peace-making efforts of a Simi member who defined our respective domains behind the bar: Dan on the right side serving mixed drinks and Karen on the left side serving beer and wine, and don't dare intrude on the other's domain.

Anyway, that's my Anaheim report and, yes, it was worth the trip. A few more notes about charitable activities. We have started doing an occasional Friday night 50-50 drawing to support our Christmas basket program, and thanks to my wife Karen and Annie Pearson for handling a 50-50 drawing at Johnny D's Friday night dinner which netted \$192. We are also in the initial planning stages for an auction in November to benefit Purple Pig. We welcome any other fundraising ideas you may have.

LOYAL KNIGHT

Jim Moyer



Greetings fellow Elks. July is going to be a busy month. First I would like to thank Johnny D' Ambrosia for an unforgettable dinner prepared with the help of his KB crew consisting of Faye, Christine, Jane and Donna. It was a great success. Lets talk about these great dinners. You too can be in the spot light. Contact me with your ideas and we can get you in the spot light also.

July 4th got plans? We're having a pancake breakfast open to the public 9:00 to 1:00. Max is decorating the lodge and we need waitress (volunteers) to serve. Videos on the big screen about the American Revolution as available.

"Two Buck Tuesdays" are still in fashion with Greg and Jean's Sloppy Joes on the first Tuesday of the month and Dan and Karen doing burgers and dogs on the last Tuesday. Can't beat the prices or the fun.

Shot gunners, Richard Goldner has posted events that will make you want to get your shotguns out of the closet and join their teams. Contact Richard for information.

Golfers looking for something to do in September? We're putting together a golf tournament in September. If calendar permits it will be September 9th. Mark your calendar, more information to follow.

I'm looking for activities to generate revenues for our lodge restoration project. Coming in July, for the benefit of lodge restoration, with the help of Tommy Claunch and Dave Pearson, we will be starting a weekly Queen of Hearts drawing. Big money to be made here. Speaking of activities power Dave put on a great Bingo game on Monday night. Come down on the first Monday of the month and join in on the fun.

Lastly dear to my heart July 6th Blood Drive at the lodge. If we don't give, nobody gets. Sign up at the lodge and enjoy the BBQ at the same time. And remember "Elks Care, Elks Share"

Queen of Hearts



Cooming Soon

**Fundraiser for
Lodge Renovation**

**Every Friday Night
at 7:30 pm**

**BROTHERLY
LOVE**



LECTURING KNIGHT

Robert Jones



At the State Convention in May I walked across the stage during the Exalted Rulers March for our State Major Project/Purple Pig. I was proud to present a check for \$12,543.77. This is the money our Lodge raised for the State Major Project. We had many of our members join the Century Club and Fifty Two Club. Many members added a little extra when sending in their dues money. Our Elk Ladies organization donated \$1800.00 and the El Konejo Kampers donated \$500.00, plus monies raised from the sale of Margaritas at the Newport Dunes camp out.

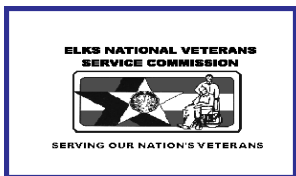
Talking about dues David informed that we are down to 45 lapsed members. The number keeps going down which I'm glad to see. If we have to drop some members we will have to first replace them before we can start to have a +1 year in membership. We have many programs to help you with the dues. Let us know if you are having a problem. I know for some Elkdom just didn't fit into their life style. Some never even gave it a chance. To those I say give it a chance and see what develops.

I listen to those who voiced their opinion about how long our meetings were. I chose to go with the approved Grand Lodge short form for the opening and closing of lodge meetings and the short form for the initiation ritual. The members that already attend miss the old ritual. The new members don't know the difference. They had nothing to compare it to. The short form takes 45 minutes out of the meetings which mean they are shorter and you get to bed earlier or you can play a few hands of poker with the guys. I just want to say I don't see any more members attending meetings. It's not that uncomfortable to sit through a meeting of your lodge. They are now under 65 minutes. I think you can come to at least one a month. Voice your opinion on the things that need to be discussed. I want what you want but I can't know what that is unless you come to a meeting and let me know.



Leading Knight, Dan Martyn and Chaplin, Karen Martyn at CHEA Convention with Theme Child Andrew

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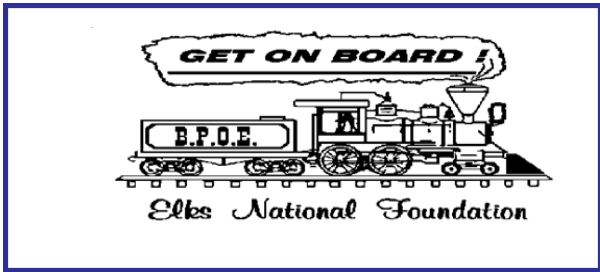
July 2, 1926 – Army Air Corps established in which Verne Jossey served (later became the Air Force in which Robert Jones, Harry Brockwell and Carl Lanterman served.)
July 4th – Independence Day (no elks veteran survivors from 1776)
July 27, 1953 – Korean War ended; NATIONAL KOREAN WAR VETERANS ARMISTICE DAY
Thank you John Leedam, Jay Block, Dick McCann and others – see the recognition letter from City of Thousand Oaks on the veterans wall.
July 28, 1914 – WWI began (no known survivors in Elks 2477)

Again, our faithful crews of volunteers for veterans have provided the services to which veterans at the Sepulveda VA Hospital and CalVet Home-Ventura have become accustomed. The bingo and karaoke crews made their monthly scheduled trips, provided snacks and made the days a little happier for the residents.

July is the month (last weekend) for the 21st annual Ventura County Standdown at the National Guard Armory in Ventura. They can always use volunteers, clothing, shoes, food, water, and miscellaneous (including money) www.vcstanddown.com. I have asked Art Urbano to help coordinate activities and will sit in for me as transportation committee chair; and JB Bre has been the key facilitator for fundraising and helping with various details that need attention, with Terry Gicking always there to help out (but may have less time this year). Please see Art or JB if you have time or other donations. Cash donations should go directly to David Naccarato in the office. David can always help find the right person to work with when you have time, money or other donations. JB will be looking to furnish sleeping bags this year; please help where you can. The duffle bag efforts last year paid off “big time” and some are left for this year.

Repeat from June:

With the Ventura County Standdown in July and the November National Elks Veterans Remembrance month, including the annual brunch, there will be opportunities for your involvement. We started something last year that I would love to see continued; during the Christmas holidays, we donated almost \$600 in food and gas gift cards to active members and families at the Oxnard Airlift Wing, and included Christmas baskets for two families in need. Any donations and help in putting together the baskets, and providing gift cards will be greatly appreciated. Art Urbano has graciously volunteered to help coordinate some of these activities, and can use your help.



Claim your Lodge’s Gratitude Grant – To thank Lodges that meet the

GER’s \$4.50 per-member-giving goal, the Elks National Foundation is offering these Lodges \$2,000 Gratitude Grants. Gratitude Grants, part of the ENF’s Community Investments Program, can be used to serve your Lodge’s community by meeting a local need. Visit www.elks.org/enf/community for more information on these and other CIP grants.

Gift deadline approaching –



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST
9 AM-NOON**

PANCAKES-\$2
*WITH EGG- \$3
*WITH SAUSAGE- \$4

**TRAIN RIDES AVAILABLE
FOR THE KIDS
AND KIDS AT HEART**

COMING ATTRACTIONS



July 3- State VP Visitation
 July 4- Pancake Breakfast
 July 6- ERs Going to Convention Party
 July 14/18 Elks National Conception
 July 26/28- Ventura County Stand Down

 Sept.- Golf Tournament
 Sept.- Jr. PER Roast



JULY 8 6 PM \$10 PAY IN
 WITH POWER DAVE



St. Paschal Baylon Men's Club is raffling a trip to Hawaii. We help them they will help us. Many of our members attend church there and they will donate half the money from tickets we sell to our charities and allow us to use their basketball courts for our Hoop Shoot free throw contest we hold every year. We did not have one last year because the cost to rent a place was too expensive. This is coming at a good time. Tickets are available for \$25.00 each in the office or I can leave them behind the bar for you. Trip includes 7 nights at the Royal La Hana resort. Four rounds of golf at the Royal or Kai Kannapoli Golf Resort. Plus \$1,500 in cash. Winner need not be present. Winner has one year to use trip. Drawing to be held July 18th 2013

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Coleen Morris
805-241-8928

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Our Armed Forces and their families who keep us free;; Roy Cooper; Phyllis Rding; Margaret Thornton; Mike Ramirez is at UCLA for cancer treatment; Flo Lloyd to have surgery on a broken elbow; Cheryl Templeton broke her leg and will be in rehab; Harry Brockwell is in rehab after falls at home

ON THE MEND: Jim Mullen from back surgery; Dee Swanson from back surgery; Barbara Booker and Patti Serota are recuperating at home after a hospital stay; Kathy Ryder is home from rehab

ENTERTAINMENT



JULY 5-KARAOKE
 JULY 19- RUNAMUCKS
 JULY 26- ROCKET 68

We had our June Newbie breakfast which will be now known as "the New kids on the block" breakfast from this moment on. It was held June 9th. We had new member David Gates on grill and his wife Laural on bread. Hey David Gates and bread. (I'm sure he's never heard that before.) Also we had Carol Spinner who informed us she does not cook but would be happy to do dishes. (happy to do dishes...get back she's mine). On set up we had Kathy Irwin "Sage" with her significant other "Shane" on Eggs. Kathy has already shown us what she can do in the kitchen by fixing lunches for Brooke a couple of times. I was there to get in the way and I did a good job. We had a good time. I counted complaints in at 0. Compliments a plenty. We will not be seeing Carol for a while tho. She will be taking a 3 month RV trip. Isn't retirement great?.
 David Naccarato PER



David Naccarato, PER



With my father being ill I have made a few trips up to Tacoma, Washington. My father was a member of the Tacoma Elks #613. They were the largest lodge in the country with 10,000 members, an eight lane bowling alley, indoor/outdoor pool, in house masseuse and their own golf course. Their membership has dropped to 1800 and they were forced to sell their property to Wal-Mart which enables them to build a new lodge building with cash on the golf course. They held the memorial for my father when he passed away; it was very nice.

Now I need to take care of visiting my mother. We had a dark night the last week in May so I took advantage and went to visit my mother in Salida, Colorado. She knows I'm involved with the Elks and when ever their local lodge appears in the local paper she cuts out the article and sends it to me. I'm going to visit her (and in these small towns everyone knows everyone). She could not help herself bragging a bit telling them that I was a Past Exalted Ruler and current Secretary. They invited me to their Tuesday meeting. It was initiation night. Their building was built in 1908. The meeting room was on the *third* floor. When I arrived four gentlemen came down to greet me and picked me up chair and all, and hoisted me up those three flights of stairs. The lodge was initiating 1 candidate. It was a treat to watch another lodge in action and talk with them on the concerns we all have. What I noticed is we all share the same concerns. We have 410 members. They have 409. We have initiated 2,405 new members in our 42 years. They have initiated over 5000 in their hundred year existence.

The problem is membership retention. I've sent out dues notices, reminder notices, a letter from the Exalted Ruler and now I'm making phone calls. We still have 45 non paid members. Our lodge had to pay the assessments for this member which comes to a total of \$900.00.

Many new members join our ranks because someone asked them too. Not to hurt anyone's feelings they go through the motions get initiated and we never see them again.

Sponsors please inquire and make it clear why they are joining.

Sorry I got off topic. At this lodge they have 13 Elk heads -one over each chair officer, 3 behind the Exalted Ruler (no kidding it looked like Country Bear Jamboree) The two Elk heads on either side of the one over the Exalted Ruler had their heads turned with both facing each other. In the foyer the lodge has two heads of Elks that were fighting and got their antlers hooked and could not get themselves apart. The fish and game department happened to get a call from some hunters and found the animals. One was already dead and the other was close to death. They had to shoot it and put it out of its misery. The lodge was contacted to see if they wanted the animals. They did and brought them to the taxidermist. They could not be unhooked so he stuffed them with their antlers stuck together and hung them in the foyer of the lodge. Later the state of Colorado wanted them back but the lodge held their ground.

On Thursday I was invited to lunch with a Past Exalted Ruler from their lodge. He was ER in 1958-1959. His name is Samuel Deleon. 91 years of age and full of life. He is their ritual coach. He has been ER twice just like our Jack Henry. We had a long talk, swapped stories and exchanged ideas. I picked up a few tricks while I watched them perform. Salida Elks host the State Hoop-Shoot contest and the DDGER is from their lodge. Just like our DDGER is from our Lodge. Bottom line is we are all into this together. We all want the same thing. Visiting other lodges is our right as a member of this great organization.

PURPLEPIG DONATION

We have just got back from the State Convention. At the convention our Exalted Ruler (Terry Baker in case your'e new) walks across the stage and presents a check from the lodge for our donations we collected to the state Major Project. The Major Project is for handicapped children that need physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech/language therapy and eye screening. Also it is where we meet the new poster child. Unfortunately the West Central Coast district is last to walk across the stage. The little boy, Andrew, got tired and was gone by the time Terry got out there and I failed to get a picture of them together. Earlier Dan and Karen Martyn and Terry Gicking and JB were able to get their picture taken with him. He is a real cute boy. He and many others is the reason why we raise this money.

Let me go over the donation guidelines: we have a 52 club, Century Club and Millennium Club. When a donation is made we keep track in the office and accumulate your total. When you reach \$52 or \$100.00 we send in your name which CHEA will then send a certificate and lapel pin stating the same. Checks can also be mailed directly to CHEA and be written off on your taxes (envelopes available in the office). When a name is submitted to CHEA they keep a record of those donations of \$100.00

increments and when you hit \$1,000 or \$2,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$20,000 they will send you certificates and pins starting from silver pins to gold pins with diamond sparkles in it. Check out Richard Goldner he's has a few. Groups do not qualify for certificates, but they do qualify for a special citation. Our Lodge gave \$12,543.77 which gave us a \$30.90 per member capita. Now we know not everyone gave. If we had, our per capita would have been higher. When we go to an Elk's function, it's human nature we want to look better than the other guy. This year that started April 1 let's put in for a Century Club. It will be a \$100.00 donation, make the check out to CHEA Major Project. I will forward it to CHEA. You will receive a tax deduction; certificate and a lapel pin to wear proudly. Also you get your name in the Purple Pig Honor Roll and in the ChEA State assoc. magazine. Remember a "coin a day they will walk talk see and play"

Oklahoma Disaster Relief

Donations are being accepted to the Oklahoma Elks Association Charitable Trust Disaster Relief Fund/o Gene Dixon, Treasurer Oklahoma Elks Association P.O. Box 11 Woodward, OK 73802-0022 PH [580-571-5477](tel:580-571-5477) E-Mail g.sdixon@att.net. The Elks have an ongoing disaster relief fund which accepts donations and hold them in trust for when needed. Checks are to be made out to Elks Disaster Relief Programming 2750 N. Lake view Ave, Chicago, IL 60614-1889.

This month's WOW factor

Scouting Chairman Bill Miller along with his crew even Jim Mullen in neck brace all grilled up four hundred and fifty six hot dogs for the Brownie Olympics.

BINGO

We tried Bingo again on Monday, June 3rd. It was our largest turn out yet. We played eight games and gave out hundreds of dollars. Our games had not been well attended so I was not really keen on the idea. However Jim Moye said not to worry he'll get me players. We didn't have our ladies from our mobile home lodge annex down the street because of a conflict. Next month is ready and we'll do it again. But people eight games in three hours we need to step it up. I'll call a number and get ready for the next and I hear Wait! Waaaaait! We had other prizes and some winners got a kiss from me (chocolate kiss). Winners were Lynn Rodriguez 3 times, new member's Art Urbano's wife Shar twice, Steve Finnerty and from Ventura Lodge Howard La-Pierre. and Pati Harrod's mother an associate's member from San Fernando Lodge.

Grand Lodge Proposals

July 14th through 18th Terry Baker will be traveling to Reno, Nevada to attend the Grand Lodge Convention. He cannot become a Past Exalted Ruler till he goes to the Grand Convention. Besides all the breakout sessions he will be making some decisions that will affect our lodge. He will be happy to take any input from you before he goes. Here are the ones that they want input from the lodge. There will be others at the convention but we'll have to rely on Terry's intuition. Now I'm paraphrasing to keep it short.

No.1 A lodge from another state may join a different state association, if a vote is taken and a two thirds approval of the members is met. This is because some lodges are far from each other in the same state but by crossing a border are close to another lodge. Saves travel time and expense. Our District has twelve lodges within 3 hours of each other. Not all lodges share this luxury.

No.2 Change the minimum age to join the Elks from 21 to 18. (Subject to state and local laws) other changes come into play if this passes. No need to bore you with them.

No.3 Change the color of a membership card of a member less than 21 years of age.

No.4 Members under 21 pay a reduced amount of dues.

No. 5 to have the lounge open during meetings. But still no alcohol to be served.

Now I leave you with some quotable quotes

Last week I stated that this woman was the ugliest woman I ever seen. I have since met the sister and now wish to withdraw that statement.

The secret of a good sermon is a good beginning and a good ending and have the two as close together as possible. **George Burns**

I was married by a judge, should have been a jury. **Groucho Marx**

My wife has a speech impediment. Every now and then she stops to breathe **Jimmy Durante**

Until the age of thirteen I thought my name was "shut up" **Joe Namath**

Maybe it's true life begins at 50. It's the parts that wear out, fall out or spread out at 45. **Phyllis Diller**

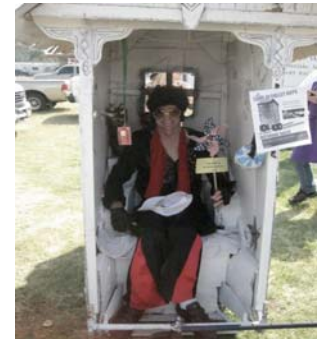
By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step he's too old to go anywhere. **Billy Crystal**.

Thanks for reading David Naccarato, PER Secretary

Next month we shoot the moon.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LODGE visit our website for more pictures-www.elks2477.com

CONEJO VALLEY DAYS-KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY-MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH



Pull Tab Collection



Our Poster Child

Dear Mommy's Fellow Elks,

It has been some time since my last update, so I thought I would check in and let you know how life has been:

- In June, I met with my cardiologist and the tests show that my heart looks like it is supposed to at this point. As you may recall, I have a rare congenital heart condition known as Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS) and the awesome surgeons at Children's Hospital LA have a 3-stage surgical plan to train my heart to function with a single ventricle. So, I have had 2 heart surgeries to date and anticipate having my 3rd and final the summer of 2014.
- I weigh 22 pounds and am 33 inches long. I finally made a place for myself on the standardized growth chart and come in at the 15th percentile for babies my age.
- I am a typical toddler who loves to babble, whine and play. I know how to get what I want by flashing my Jellander-Van Poppelen smile. You know the smile! I'm not walking yet, but Grammy Jellander is taking bets on when it will happen!
- My life has been filled with many adventures. The most recent was celebrating my Papa's 75th birthday at the Elks Lodge and hanging out with all of my cousins over the weekend. I love splashing around in the pool and going to the park. I have taken a few road trips around California, flew on an airplane to Idaho, and rode on a speed boat on Lake Mojave in Nevada.
- I turn 2 years old on July 8th and can't wait to see and celebrate with all of you soon!

I am truly grateful for all the love and support you continue to send my way!

Heart Hugs,
Cameron Von Poppelen

PLEASE MAKE FRIDAY NIGHT
DINNER RESERVATIONS BY CALLING
THE LOUNGE
496-4550 OR WITH ANY BARTENDER



KOERITZ'S FAMOUS ONES
\$8
WITH ALL THE SIDES
Karaoke by Jim & Patty



Donna Leary's
Homemade Chicken Enchilladas
with homemade sides
\$10



Fish Fry
by Bennett's Bunch
JULY 19
\$8



BY RUNAMUCKS



SHEPARD'S PIES
\$10
BY JIM PORTER
BEEF, OR VEGGIE



BY ROCKET 68

Your Lodge Serving Our Community

- *Hosting Blue & Gold Ceremony at Lodge
- *Providing karaoke at Saticoy Vets monthly
- *Doing bingo party at Sepulveda Veterans Hospital monthly
- *Hosting blood drive for the community
- *Participating in BSA Court of Honor
- *Sponsoring an appreciation dinner for youth in our community
- *Participating in CVD and Chili Cook Off
 - * Awarding scholarships to high school seniors
- * Holding Toys 4 Tots drive
- *Being a partner in Special Kids Day at CVD
 - *Hosting flag retirement ceremony with Boy Scouts-open to the public
- * Cooking for Brownlympics & Scouting Events
 - * Providing use of lodge room for Girl Scouts Bridging Ceremony
- * Giving VFW free monthly meeting room
- * Sponsoring hoop shoot for local youth
- * Providing meeting place for community clubs
 - * Preparing and delivering food baskets
- * Hosting Easter Egg Hunt for community kids
- *Providing meeting place for Marine Corp League

Packs, viz., 3789 and 3721 this year to join our large Newbury Park Pack 3763 and Troop 754. Pack 3789 is in Oak Park that, as I've learned, didn't know much about our Lodge and we're trying to change that. This pack has more than doubled in size, now numbering a respectable two dozen boys. We hope to be even bigger at the start of the school year.

On June 1st we furnished and cooked over 450 hot dogs for the 2013 Conejo Brownlympics with the help of ER Terry Baker, Jim Mullen, (old) Bill Sternberg, Jeri Miller and (older) Bill Miller. Then the following Saturday, June 8th, the exercise was repeated by cooking hot dogs and hamburgers for our large Pack 3763 in Dos Vientos, with ER Terry, Jeri and Bill Miller assisting once more.

On Sunday morning, June 2nd, Lodge Scouting Chairman Bill Miller presented a certificate to Gold Award girl scout Lauren James and in the afternoon he was joined by Lodge members, Greg Metzgas, (old) Bill Sternberg and Ed Jones at an Eagle Court of Honor for Glen Armer, our 65th Eagle of Troop 754. Sunday, June 9th a Court of Honor for the 66th Troop 754 Eagle, Ryan Barbee, was also attended.

Although the summer usually sees a reduction in scouters' activities, this year the groups' calendars are already bursting at the seams with scheduled summer camp, hiking, service functions and other events. Pack 3763 Cubmaster, David Lynch, who will be "retiring" to accompany his sons through scouting organized a combined Flag ceremony for a recent Firefighters Appreciating event in Newbury Park. Scouters from Troops 730, 753 and 754 plus boys from Pack 3763 participated and were well received.

Pack 3763 placed flags on veterans gravesites in Camarillo and Packs 3721 and 3776 did the same at Pierce Brothers cemetery in Westlake Village for Memorial Day. A photo of Ethan Fox of 3721 appeared on the cover of the Acorn.



Elks - Partners In Scouting



The photo above shows Ethan Fox of our newest Cub Pack 3721 participating in the Flag presentation at the annual Youth Appreciation night. This was sent to his mom with the suggestion that someday Ethan would have to explain to his kids why he was saluting two toilet seats. The Lodge 2477 Scouting program has been operating in overdrive the past month or so with our very busy kids being involved with many activities. We've added two new Cub

MOVIE



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EL KONEJO KAMPERS



BY THE SEA, BY THE SEA!
 Oceano/5 Cities Elks Lodge
 Reported By Beverly Erickson

The last time I wrote the Kamper article (at Newport Dunes in March), it was the largest kampout ever. This one was the smallest, only 4 rigs. That doesn't mean we didn't have a good time... we had a GREAT time. Wish more of you would join us. It would be wonderful to have at least 10-12 rigs at every kampout (plus some of you "motel" kampers). The "motel" kampers comprise about 30% of our membership.

Both the Flannerys and the Nemtusaks passed us on the freeway. But we all arrived at the Lodge within 15-20 minutes of each other. In fact we got there before the Nemtusaks because Joel knew of a shortcut or was it because Joe got lost?!

After the rigs were parked, the men went into the Lodge to register. They came back to get me because I had the checkbook. Of course since we were in the bar, we had to have a drink. This was the beginning of a weekend featuring food, drinks and a lot of laughter.

Thursday evening we all went to Jocko's Steak House in nearby Nipomo. This is a must destination whenever we are in the area. The food is great, portions large and relatively inexpensive. My small spencer steak was a small roast!

With so few people at this kampout, it was very laid back. The "schedule" went out the window. When we heard the Lodge was having a fish fry Friday night, we decided to support the Lodge and to have our appetizers for lunch. This was the only time we cooked all weekend. After lunch we sat around talking. About an hour later, someone mentioned they had seen an ice cream shop earlier in the day. Joe's eyes lit up and the rest of us thought "why not". It was a bit of a hike against a chilly wind, but we all enjoyed our mid-afternoon treat.

Later that day we wandered over to the Lodge for a drink or two before dinner. The bar area is very comfortable and the people are friendly. Some of us had a tour of their kitchen... to die for! For dinner most of us had clam chowder (ok) and a combination plate that consisted of slaw, fries, 3 shrimp (breaded frozen) and two small pieces of fish. We unanimously agreed that our Lodge does a much better job.

We had heard that there was a restaurant, Splash, in Pismo that had award winning clam chowder. We opted to go Splash for an early lunch on Saturday instead of our usual brunch. After lunch the Moyes and Nemtusaks headed for a Cinnabon store. Maybe a little something to tide them over until dinner? There was an antique RV show in town that was supposedly only 2-3 blocks from our current location. We took off walking and the 2-3 turned into 10-12. We didn't have much time to look around as we had only paid for 2 hours of parking and we had to walk back to the parking lot.

That evening we opted out of the Saturday night potluck and walked down the street to Old Juan's Cantina, another restaurant we go to when we are in the area. They serve VERY large margaritas (remember Tommy?) and reasonable food. This was followed by more visiting and final nightcaps back at the campground.

Sunday morning the Flannerys and Moyes packed up and left. Sunday became a very quiet day for relaxing, reading, needlepoint and TV. The Nemtusaks joined us for afternoon snacks in our rig. Later we did some preliminary packing in anticipation of Monday's departure. As usual, Monday was the best day weather-wise.

Kampers enjoying ice cream in Pismo Beach



UPCOMING KAMP OUTS

July 12-13 -Santa Maria Elks Lodge
 August 9-10 -Pt. Mugu
 September 13-14- Santa Barbara Elks Lodge
 October 11-12 - Flying Flags
 November 7-8 -Kenney Grove
 December 8- Annual Brunch- TO Elks Lodge



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The ladies are busy planning our Major Project event coming up in Feb. 2014. Thanks to everyone who helped with our Father's Day Brunch in June. Kathy Ryder and Barbara Booker attended our June meeting, and are both doing very well. Charlotte Gessler is mending very nicely after surgery. Don't forget our 50-50's at the Fish Fries.

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JULY BIRTHDAYS



7-22 Audrey Huffman
7-28 Frances Bodenhamer
7-28 Lynn Rodriguez
7-30 Barbara Booker

Father God we thank thee for the gift
of another day,
and living in this Country



WE GET LETTERS

We received a thank you card from a past scholarship winner from our lodge to let us know how important what we are doing for the community is. This winner was only a \$100.00 winner. He cut out the picture from the Acorn and had it inside the card. We also received a card that read:
Dear Elks Lodge and Robert Jones,
Thank you, yes thank you for the Mother's Day cards you make every year for the Elks Mothers Day Brunch.. I look forward to the cards and phone calls from my children (all 4 of them) and the cards you give yearly. We Moms appreciate your thoughtfulness.
Jeanie Sandt



Jeri Miller and Henry brought Patti Serota chocolate covered strawberries to get well on. Just what the Doctor ordered

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for example:

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- Lucky 13 Bill Sternberg no winner
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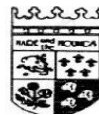


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